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lege on May 13, the program being as follows: Biographical, J. A. Udden, Ph.D., of Augustana College; 'The Place of Linné in the Scientific World,' Charles E. Bessey, Ph.D., of the University of Nebraska; 'Vårsång' (spring song) by Prince Gustaf, the Wennerberg Chorus; 'Linné and the Love for Nature,' E. K. Putnam, A.M., of Davenport Academy of Sciences; remarks by Josua Lindahl, Ph.D., of Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, and P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D., of the New York Botanical Garden.

A SECOND series of tablets was unveiled in the Hall of Fame of New York University on Memorial Day, May 30. Addresses were made by Governor Hughes of New York and Governor Guild of Massachusetts. Among the twelve tablets unveiled was one in memory of Maria Mitchell, the astronomer, and one in memory of Louis Agassiz. The tablet in honor of Agassiz was unveiled under the auspices of the American Association for the Advancement of Science with brief addresses by Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and Dr. Edward S. Morse, director of the Peabody Institute of Science.

THE Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences commemorated the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Agassiz by a meeting on May 28. The principal address was made by Dr. Franklin W. Hooper, director of the institute.

SIR BENJAMIN BAKER, F.R.S., the eminent British engineer, known among other important works for the Forth Bridge in Scotland and the Assouan Dam, died on May 19, at the age of sixty-seven years.

DR. ALEXANDER BUCHAN, F.R.S., the eminent Scottish meteorologist, died on May 13, at the age of seventy-eight years.

LIEUT. GEN. ZACHARIAE, vice-president of the International Geodetic Commission, died at Copenhagen, on May 16, at the age of seventy-two years.

DR. GUY DAVENPORT LOMBARD, instructor in histology in Cornell Medical College, died in New York on May 22, at the age of thirty-five years.

GUY WARNER EASTMAN, assistant in physics in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was killed by a train in Boston on May 17. Mr. Eastman was engaged in researches under Professor A. A. Noyes and completed the work for the degree of doctor of philosophy. He was twenty-six years of age.

THREE Paris medical societies—the Société de Médecine et de Chirurgie Pratique, the Société de Médecine de Paris and the Société Médico-Chirurgicale—have combined together under the title of Société de Médecine. The first meeting of the new society was held on May 14 under the presidency of Dr. Paul Coudray.

THE Seismological Observatory, erected at the expense of the pope, was inaugurated on May 19 at Valla di Pompeii, near Naples. Father Alfani, director of the Florence Observatory, made the inaugural speech. Director Hagan and Vice-director Mannucci of the Vatican Observatory were present.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE University of Maryland will celebrate from May 30 to June 2 the centennial of its foundation. On Thursday, May 30, there will be a reception of representatives from other universities, alumni and invited guests and in the afternoon an inspection of the buildings. On the following day there will be addresses by President Francis L. Paton, of Princeton Theological Seminary, and by President G. Stanley Hall, of Clark University, followed by the conferring of regular and honorary degrees. On Saturday there will be a reception at St. John's College, the academic department of the University of Maryland, when a large shield with the seals of the two institutions and the coat of arms of the University of Maryland will be presented to the college.

THE Michigan Agricultural College celebrated the semi-centennial of its foundation from May 26 to 31. On May 28 and 29 the annual meeting of the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations was held at Lansing. On the twenty-ninth addresses were made on the 'College

and the State,' including an address by the governor of the state. The afternoon session on 'Builders of the College,' included addresses by Professor Charles E. Bessey, of the University of Nebraska, and by Professor W. J. Beal, of the college. The exercises on Thursday were under the auspices of the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations and were presided over by Professor L. H. Bailey, director of the College of Agriculture, Cornell University. Addresses on agricultural and engineering education and research work in the land grant colleges were given by Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, commissioner of education; President W. E. Stone, Purdue University, and Dr. W. H. Jordan, director of the Geneva Experiment Station. Memorial Day exercises took place on May 30. On Friday morning congratulatory addresses were presented from institutions and learned societies, followed by addresses from the Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture; President James B. Angell, University of Michigan; President Henry Clay White, College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts of the University of Georgia; President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, and President Edmund J. James, of the University of Illinois. In the afternoon there was a procession of delegates, state officials, members of legislature, public school officials, alumni, faculty and students, followed by an address by the president of the United States and the conferring of regular and honorary degrees.

THE Hanna chair of political science and the Selah Chamberlain chair of sociology, recently established at Western Reserve University, have been filled by the appointment of Professor A. R. Hatton, of the University of Chicago, and Dr. James E. Cutler, of the University of Michigan.

NEARLY one hundred representatives of the University of London, including the vice-chancellor, the member for the university, the principal, deans of faculties and members of the professorial staff, visited Paris this month for a three days' stay, on the invitation of the University of Paris.

DR. SIDNEY DEAN TOWNLEY, astronomer in

charge of the International Latitude Observatory at Ukiah, California, and lecturer in astronomy in the University of California, has been appointed to an assistant professorship in the department of applied mathematics at Leland Stanford Junior University. Dr. Townley will assume the duties of his new position with the beginning of the next academic year in August.

DR. C. H. MATHEWSON, Ph.D., Gottingen, now of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been appointed instructor in chemistry and metallurgy in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University. At the same institution Frank L. Cooper, who receives this year his doctorate of philosophy from the Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed instructor in physics.

G. F. KAY, of the University of Kansas, has been appointed professor of mineralogy and economic geology in the University of Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS at McGill University have been made as follows: Dr. A. G. Nichols, lecturer in clinical medicine; H. M. McKay, associate professor of civil engineering; Dr. A. D. McIntosh, associate professor of chemistry; Dr. N. Evans, associate professor of chemistry; Professor Paul T. Lafleur, professor of comparative literature and associate professor of English. Dr. John Brittain, professor of chemistry of New Brunswick University, has been appointed to the chair of nature study in the new Macdonald Agricultural College of Ste. Ann, in affiliation with McGill University.

AT the University of Manchester Mr. H. Bateman, at present assistant lecturer in mathematics in the University of Liverpool, has been appointed to the newly-instituted post of reader in mathematical physics. Mr. Bateman was senior wrangler in 1905. Mr. C. A. Edwards, Jr., assistant in the metallurgical department of the National Physical Laboratory, has been appointed demonstrator and research fellow in metallurgy.

DR. AUGUST BIER, of Bonn, has been called to the chair of surgery at Berlin, vacant through the death of Professor von Bergmann.